

Lieven



Description of Arms :

Per fess : 1) Or, a demi-Russian-Imperial-Eagle gorged with a chain Or and pendant therefrom two escutcheons azure inscribed sable a bordure Or, the dexter bearing the Cyrillic letter "P" and the sinister the Cyrillic letter "N", each letter above the figure "1" representing Their Majesties Emperors Paul the First and Nicholas the First ; 2) azure, in saltire two leaved stems proper of lilies each with three blossoms argent. Surtout an inescutcheon gules, a fleur-de-lis above a mullet of six points in base, between in pale on each flank a fleur-de-lis beneath one and above two the same mullets Or.

Principal Title : Prince Lieven.

[Index](#)

Creation : Russia, 1826.

Subsidiary Titles : Count of the Russian and Holy Roman Empires, Baron in Russia.

Family Name : von Lieven, Liven.

Family History : In the mist of the early part of recorded history, there lived one Kaupo, who was leader of the people of Livonia. That was in the XII Century but his name and reputation have come down to us and are still recounted in Northern Europe. In the course of time, some members of the family were granted the titles of baron or count in Sweden.

But the story really starts with Genrikh Liven. In 1634, he left for Russia, where he reproduced evidence of his ancient and noble descent to the Knighthood of Courland and, in consequence, was entered onto the rolls of Russian nobility. Here, his name was transformed slightly to "fon Liven".

The family did well, particularly in the field of military exploits, and some became Field Marshals. At the end of the XVIII Century, Lady of the Court Charlotta fon Liven was given charge of the Grand Princesses, daughter of the Tsar. Evidently she gave satisfaction for, in 1799, she was granted the rank of Countess of the Russian Empire, and for all her descendants - a rare example of a woman being personally honoured in Russia.

But this was not all. By 1801, she was raised to being a Countess of the Holy Roman Empire. Then, in 1826, Tsar Nicholas I granted her, and her descendants, the high rank of Prince and Princess, together with the prefix of Eminence. This must be considered a singular recognition for what must have been a very remarkable person. Readers will note that "Eminence" is nearly always associated with the form of address for cardinals of the Roman Church.

Present descendants, no longer especially welcome in Russia despite their great services to that country, have now settled elsewhere. They have Germanicised their name and now are known simply as Princes Lieven, although often listed as "von Lieven".

Lieven

Genrik Liven

.....
Lady of the Court Charlotta Karlovna fon Liven,
Countess (1799), Princess (1826)

.....
Prince Ivan (1775-1848)
= Maria von Anrep

|
Prince Paul (1821-1881)
= Countess Nathalie von der Pahlen

|
Prince Pavel (1875-1963)
= Baroness Nathalie von Taube

|
S.A.S. Prince LEONID (1909-)
= Dina von Anrep (?-?)

.....
S.A.S. Prince ALEXANDRE (1919-)
1st = Veronica Monahan (?-?) and 2nd = Joanna

|
Elena
(1947-)

|
MICHAEL PAUL
(1948-)

|
S.A.S. Prince DOMINIC
(1952-)

|
PETER PAUL
(1960-)

|
Nathalie
(1969-)